# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the ` Pioneer` of January 17, 2002 regarding serious irregularities in the issue of import licences to pharmaceutical companies;

(b) If so, the nature and details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons and officers nabbed in this connection?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : CBI report referred to in the news item has detailed the results of the CBI raid on the residences and office of Dr P. Dasgupta during April 2000 when he was Officer on Special Duty (OSD)having been transferred from the post of DCG(I)during 1999. Apart from the details with regard to the procurement of property in Gurgaon and the hospitality in the form of air tickets during some of his foreign tours by Dr. Dasgupta, the CBI has not examined the nature and details of irregularities committed by him in the issue of import licences to Pharmaceutical companies. CBI did not make any arrests in this case other than filing charge sheets for prosecution of Dr. Dasgupta and some officials representing the drug companies, under prevention of corruption Act. Dr. Dasgupta has since retired from service on 31st December 2001 while under suspension.